

Do You Enjoy Singing? Consider Joining the Tau Singers!



Description of Tau Singers

- A choral group of men and women of any age who love to sing;
 - Requires no tryout or special musical training;
 - Located at St. Francis Woods;
 - Under the direction of Sr. Kathleen Hook.
- Sings at:
 - Christmas Eve Mass
 - Franciscan Sisters Jubilee Mass (2nd Saturday in June)
 - Special events
- Rehearses: Tuesday evening 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Late October through December
 - Three Tuesdays before Jubilee
 - As needed

Purpose of Tau Singers

- Leads assembly singing on special occasions;
- Enriches the music with beautiful harmonies;
- Performs selections often having a Franciscan focus;
- Furthers knowledge and appreciation of St. Francis, St. Clare and our Franciscan heritage.

Explanation of “TAU”

- St. Francis of Assisi loved this symbol above all others.
 - He traced it on himself before beginning every action.
 - He used it as his only signature for his letters.
 - He painted it on the walls of all the places in which he stayed.

- At the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, St. Francis heard Pope Innocent III say:
 - The TAU has the same form as the cross on which our Lord was crucified.
 - Only those who have conformed their life to Christ will be marked with this sign and will obtain mercy.
 - "Be champions of the TAU."
- Francis took these words personally and made the TAU his coat of arms.
- Ezekiel 9:4 refers to the TAU: "Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a TAU on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it."
- The TAU is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet:
 - It resembles the letter "T".
 - It represents the fulfillment of the revealed word of God.
- The TAU symbolizes:
 - The cross of Christ;
 - St. Francis' vision and dream for himself and his followers.

***Please consider joining the Tau Singers
in making a joyful noise to the Lord!***

Email Kathleen.hook@presencehealth.org
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